

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Johnson County Bar  
**FROM:** Johnson County Judges  
**RE:** Notice of Local Rule Amendments  
**DATE:** December 21, 2006

The Judges of the Johnson County Circuit and Superior Courts have issued several local rules, regarding Courthouse security and use of the courtrooms for non-judicial purposes. Pursuant to T.R. 81, these rules take effect following a thirty (30) day notice period. The text of these new local rules follows.

In keeping with the judicial responsibility to manage the operation of the Johnson Circuit and Superior Courts, with due concern for the safety and security of the members of the public and court personnel who are regularly present within the Johnson County Courthouse, Johnson County Courthouse Annex North, and the Juvenile Detention Center, the following local rules regarding security are hereby established.

1. **LR41 - AD00 - 116: Weapons.**
  - A. In coordination with relevant local ordinance, weapons, including, but not limited to guns and knives, may not be brought into any building in which proceedings of the Johnson Circuit and Superior Courts are regularly held.
  - B. Law enforcement officers, including authorized agents of the Prosecuting Attorney, which are so identified, are exempted from this rule; providing that in the Juvenile Detention Center, law enforcement officers may be requested to store their weapons in the secure storage area provided for the same.
2. **LR - AD00 - 117: Security Cameras.**
  - A. Installation. Each Judge shall, in keeping with professional judicial standards, individually authorize the placement of surveillance cameras, by such vendor as may be selected by the Johnson County Sheriff, within the buildings in which proceedings of the Johnson Circuit and Superior Courts are regularly held.
  - B. Recordings. No audio recordings shall be made from the security cameras installed pursuant to the authority granted above. Only public areas, within which there is no expectation of privacy, shall be visible from such cameras.
  - C. Ownership. Such cameras, recordings made therefrom, and all accessories thereto shall remain the property of the Johnson Circuit and Superior Courts.
  - D. Monitoring. Monitoring of the broadcast from the surveillance cameras

shall be conducted by the Courts' designated agents.

- E. Retention. Recordings made from the surveillance cameras shall be retained for such period as designated within the discretion of the Courts.
- F. Use of Recordings. No recordings made from these surveillance cameras shall be used for any purpose without notice to and advance written permission from a judicial officer.

3. **LR - AD00 - 118: Non-judicial Use of Courtrooms.**

Use of any courtroom or hearing room for ceremonial, meeting, or other non-judicial purpose shall be permitted only with the advance permission of the presiding Judicial Officer.

4. **LR - AD00 - 119: Effective Date:**

- A. Good cause has been found for deviation from the schedule for publishing local rules established by the Division of State Court Administration.
- B. These rules shall take effect thirty (30) days from the entry of this Order, following the notice procedure required by T.R. 81(D).

Public comments regarding these rules may be made, in writing to:

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